

Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1941 to assist the farmers in applying conservation practices and improving their land. Just a few years later the District was actively promoting conservation cropping systems, contour farming, crop residue use, pasture and woodland improvements, grassed waterways, farm ponds and drainage improvements.

Mission (or Function):

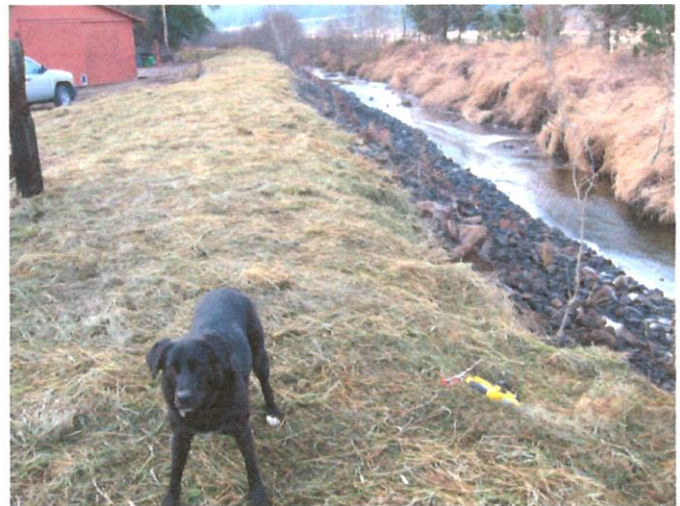
- Partner and lead other government agencies, private landowners and users, and the public in promoting voluntary, non-regulatory, locally-led conservation and wise stewardship of the natural resources with which our area has been so richly blessed.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- The District completed 250 ft of stream bank stabilization at the lower end of Mica Creek. Working with the Mica Bay Property Owners Association, a comprehensive sediment reduction plan is being developed. Notably, Kokanee salmon have returned to Mica Creek and are actively spawning.
- Complete an 319 project on Wolf Lodge Creek at three separate sites. The project utilized toe rock, almost a dozen rock barbs, and hundreds of willow plantings along 500 feet of streambank.
- Participated in a forestry tree sale program administered by the Idaho Forest Owners Association, selling over 51,000 seedlings.
- Received funding for an Idaho Dept of Lands grant, which will be used to complete the original proposal to assess and plan restoration in the Wolf Lodge/Blue/Fernan Creek watersheds.

Future Plans and Projects:

- The District continues to work with the Coeur d'Alene Tributaries WAG on implementing BMPs and watershed planning. This coordinated effort has led to IDEQ finding extra 319 funds to do projects in Wolf Lodge Creek.
- Outreach throughout the community to promote District programs and Western Competitive Grant project efforts.



"Moonshine the Creek Inspector" gives final approval on the Mica Creek project.

FY 2015 District Funding:

State Funding	\$10,330
Idaho Water Resources Grant	\$9,000
319 Grant	\$53,054
Tree Sales	\$20,930
Growers Meeting Support	\$2,400
Total	\$95,714